[Translation]

LPG Connections

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for commercial and consumer liquified petroleum gas (LPG) connections in the waiting list in the country as on 31 March, 1996, State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of new LPG connections planned to be released by the Government throughout the country during 1995-96;

(c) the number of new LPG connections actually released during the year 1995-96;

(d) the reasons for shortfall, if any; and

(e) the number of new LPG connections proposed to be released throughout the country, State-wise, during 1996-97 and 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The number of applicants on LPG waiting lists registered with the distributors of Public Sector Oil Companies as on 31.3.1996 in the country was around 132.82 lakhs. A statement of State-wise waiting list is annexed.

Oil Companies do not keep applications from commercial customers on waiting list for new LPG connections. They are provided with LPG connections upon approach after assessment of requirement and observance of safety regulation.

(b) to (d) : The target for enrolment of new LPG customers for the country during 1995-96 was fixed at 15 lakhs. Against the target of 15 lakh LPG connections actual connections released during the year 1995-96 were about 20.5 lakhs.

(e) Allotment of new gas connections is not made on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released depending on total new customer enrolment at country level, depending upon product availability, slack available with the distributors in the State and waiting lists. The target for release of new LPG connections in the country during 1996-97 has been fixed at 20 lakhs. The target for 1997-98 has not been fixed so far.

STATEMENT

State-wise Waiting List as on 31. 3. 96

States/UTs	*Figure in Lakhs*
Andhra Pradesh	10.14
Arunachal Pradesh	0.16
Assam	1.51
Bihar	3.72
Goa	0.61
Gujarat	7.95
Haryana	4.68
Himachal Pradesh	1.03
Jammu & Kashmir	1.36
Karnataka	6.55
Kerala	5.86
Madhya Pradesh	6.60
Maharashtra	17.81
Manipur	0.05
Meghalaya	0.07
Mizoram	0.05
Nagaland	0.04
Orissa	1.26
Punjab	7.02
Rajasthan	8.50
Sikkim	0.02
Tamilnadu	13.91
Tripura	0.32
Uttar Pradesh	14.87
West Bengal	9.35
Union Territories	
Andaman & Nicobar	0.12
Chandigarh	0.81
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.01
Delhi	7.95
Daman & Diu	0.02
Lakshadweep	00.00
Pondicherry	0.46

Supply of Gas

5280. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of gas sanctioned by Government to be supplied per year for industries in Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of gas sanctioned and supplied during each year from 1992-93 to 1995-96 to Gujarat; and

(c) the reasons for not supplying full quantum of gas required by the industries of Gujarat and the concrete steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to supply as in full quantum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The allocations of gas during the Eighth Plan period and the supplies till 1995-96 are shown below:

(MMSCMD)

Year	*Allocation*	*Supply*
1992-93	12.78	12.43
1993-94	12.78	12.61
1994-95	13.99	11.99
1995-96	15.26	14.22
1996-97	15.68	—

(c) Shortfalls in supply were mainly due to less production of gas in the Western Offshore fields. The supply of gas is being stepped up by additional development of gas fields alongwith setting up of the required compression and transportation facilities.

[English]

Megacity Project

5281. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Megacity Projects of Calcutta are progressing satisfactorily;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any shortfall in the implementation;

(d) if so, steps taken to remove the shortfall; and

(e) whether the Government propose to provide more fainancial assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main shortfalls in the implementation of the Mega City Scheme are with respect to mobilisation of institutional finance and adoption of cost recovery measures with a view to consituting a Revolving Fund for infrastructure development.

(d) The nodal agency for the Calcutta Mega City Scheme, viz. Calcutta Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has been successful in issuing non-SLR Bonds to mobilise funds from the market — Rs. 49.50 crores during 1995-96. They are also adopting direct and indirect cost recovery measures to raise sufficient contributions towards the Revolving Fund.

(e) During 1995-96 a sum of Rs. 18.08 crores was allocated for the implementation of the Calcutta Mega City Project. During 1996-97 an equivalent provision is expected to be made available.

Tata Research Institute

5282. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have examined the study report made by Tata Research Institute and the Canadian Research Institute regarding energy efficiency and demand management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for implementation of the said suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The Study Report made by the Tata Energy Research Institute and the Canadian Energy Research Institute estimated that the Power Sector in India could save up to 6.29% and 8.24% of the electricity demand in 1996-97 and 2011-12 respectively by adopting Energy Efficiency and Demand Management measures. The strategies recommended in the report for this purpose include administrative, managerial, statutory, fiscal, financial and policy measures.

(c) The strategy adopted by the Government for promotion of energy efficiency and demand Management already covers many of the suggestions made in the report and the measures taken include awareness programmes, demonstration projects, training, energy audits, fiscal incentives, installation of amorphous core distribution transformers, LT Switched Capacitors, efficient energy meters, load management, rectification of agricultural pumpsets, reduction of secondary fuel oil consumption in thermal power stations and reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

West Refinery Project

5283. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Oman is reconsidering its participation in six million tonne West Coast Refinery with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Oman Oil Company (OOC) after internal assessment, have decided to review their interest in Hindustan Oman Refinery Project in view of their various commitments.

IDSMT Scheme

5284. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the fund allocation made to Orissa during Eighth Plan for the development of small and medium towns in the State; and